

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP2004/002495 filed March 11, 2004**

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 17-37 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants request that the amendments be entered in the specification.

The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to provide headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The paragraph beginning at line 21, page 1, and extending to page 2, line 8, has been amended to include the contents of claims 1, 15 and 16, which have been cancelled. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 17-37. The new claims are in a form for easy examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The amended claims are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims.

No amendments to the claims has been entered to overcome any prior art reference of which Applicants are aware. The amendments to the claims are of an editorial nature. All multiple dependencies have been deleted.

Applicants request favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form.

Respectfully submitted,



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